

REMARKS

The final Office Action mailed on June 27, 2002 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Claims 2-5, 8 and 9 are pending in this application. Claims 2-5, 8 and 9 are amended herein. The changes to the amended claims are shown in Appendix 1, with deletions indicated by bracketing and additions by underlining. Claim 2 is the sole independent claim.

The applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's early indication in the Office Action that claims 2-5, 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action.

The Examiner objects to Figure 8 of the drawings on the grounds that it should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. A corrected Figure 8 responsive to the Examiner's objection is attached to the Proposed Drawing Changes paper submitted with this Amendment. Review and approval of the corrected drawing is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objects to title of the invention as not being descriptive. The Examiner also objects to the headings used for the various sections of the specification as not being consistent with the Rules, and suggests several changes. A Revised Specification is attached which has a new title and new section headings to overcome the Examiner's objections. No new matter is added by these changes. Review and approval of the Revised Specification is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5, 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner points to specific language in each of the pending claims that is unclear. In order to overcome the Examiner's rejections, the claims are amended herein in a manner consistent with the Examiner's suggestions.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application, as amended, with claims 2-5, 8 and 9, is in condition for allowance. Notice of such allowance and passing of the application to issue, are earnestly requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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Appendices 1 & 2